



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Designation of a Grants Competition Disputes Decision Official (GCDDO) and Post-Award Grants Disputes Decision Official (DDO)

FROM: Walter W. Kovalick, Jr., Ph.D. *Walter W. Kovalick, Jr.*
Assistant Regional Administrator for Resources Management

TO: All Division Directors

Due to the increased number of competitive grant solicitations subject to the EPA Grants Competition Policy and the need to appoint a post-award, grants DDO, I hereby designate the Regional Judicial Officer (RJO), currently Ms. Marcy Toney, as GCDDO and DDO pursuant to the authorities contained in 40 C.F.R. § 31.70 and the EPA Class Deviation from the requirements of 40 C.F.R. Subpart F (70 *Fed. Reg.* 3629, January 26, 2005), for disputes arising in connection with grants and other assistance agreements, except for such disputes arising in connection with the audit management process. In addition, I hereby designate the Branch Chief, Comptroller Branch, Resource Management Branch ("Comptroller") as the DDO pursuant to authorities contained in 40 C.F.R. § 31.70, and elsewhere in 40 CFR Parts 30, 31, and 35, for disputes arising in Region 5 in connection with the audit management process for grants and other assistance agreements.

The RJO will henceforth act as GCDDO for all grants competed under the Grants Competition Order, the Brownfields Grant Program, and any other competitive grant solicitations from Region 5. In addition, the designation of the RJO as DDO applies to all post-award disputes filed under any grant program that by regulation must use the dispute process outlined in 40 C.F.R. § 31.70, except disputes arising in connection with the audit management process for grants and other assistance agreements. The Comptroller, rather than the RJO, will henceforth act as DDO for all disputes arising in connection with the audit management process for grants and other assistance awards.

These designations will continue in effect until they are withdrawn or modified by the Region 5 Award Official. In the event that an individual serving as RJO or Comptroller is replaced in that position, the new RJO will assume the duties of GCDDO and DDO based on the authorities described above, and the new Comptroller will assume the duties

as DDO for disputes arising in connection with the audit management process for grants and other assistance agreements.

As the Award Official, the Assistant Regional Administrator reserves the right to designate a GCDDO or DDO on an interim or case-specific basis in the event the RJO or the Comptroller has a conflict with one of the parties to a grant dispute or, if necessary to do so to ensure the timely and effective administration of EPA grant programs.

This designation is effectively immediately.

cc: Terence Branigan, C-14J
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